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IOWA GROWN

TREES  
SHRUBS  
PLANTS



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## To Our Patrons

In issuing our fiftieth annual list, we wish to thank our many customers for their confidence and patronage which has made this possible, and we, with our intimate and life-long work with trees and plants, and with the knowledge we have gained, hope to continue to improve to be constantly able to serve you to your best advantage.

Our Nursery comprises forty acres of the best land in Iowa, for the purpose of growing a variety of trees, shrubs and plants, and with this small Nursery we are able to give the work our special attention. Even at this, we do not claim to give you gilt edge stock of all varieties each year, as you know, weather conditions govern the growth of stock. While extremes may hinder one species, it may be beneficial to another, and all we claim is "stock that will compare favorably with any on the market."

We recommend the varieties we offer in this list as the best for the North West and worthy the attention of planters. As new varieties are introduced they are given a trial and if worthy are given a place in our stock. During our fifty years of constant testing we feel confident we can supply varieties which will please you.

In agriculture few farmers of today will sow only the best of seed, or breed but the best of stock, yet in the purchase of trees and plants a few still dispute the conclusive proofs of the success which comes from "breeding only the best."

As we employ no agents this list and the stock we send out are our only salesmen.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

We guarantee all stock which has been shipped from our Nursery to be true to name and label, of specified size, clean, healthy, first class stock. Furthermore, we will furnish trees and shrubs free of charge for those which fail to start within two months of planting (\*) provided we are notified by July 1st of that year. It is mutually agreed and understood, however, between the purchaser and ourselves that we cannot be held responsible for an amount greater than the original purchase price of the stock.

**Adjustments**—It is our chief aim to deliver to our customers a full measure of satisfaction. We exercise the utmost care in filling your orders, but in the rush of the season errors will sometimes occur. Please keep a duplicate of your order and should an

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error or shortage be made, advise us at once and we will promptly and cheerfully correct it.

**Prices**—The prices in the list cancel all previous quotations. All stock except where noted is quoted F. O. B. Cresco, Iowa.

**Remittances**—Charge accounts increase operating expense and this in turn increases the cost of the stock, so remittance should accompany order whenever possible. If this is not satisfactory write us and we can make arrangements to suit your convenience.

**Inspection**—Certificate of Inspection will be furnished with every shipment.

- (\*) We can not guarantee stock marked  
(\*) as weather and soil conditions govern their success.

**APPLES—****Summer**

Duchess  
 Yellow Transparent  
 Tetofsky (Harvest)  
 Harters Early

**Fall**

Wealthy  
 University  
 Longfield  
 Farnsworth  
 Okabena  
 Red Warrior

**Winter**

N. W. Greening  
 Malinda (Pear Apple)  
 Ben Davis  
 Salome  
 \*Delicious

**CRABS**

Whitney  
 Strawberry  
 Transcendent  
 Improved Briers Sweet

All the above varieties	each	per 10
4 to 5 ft.....	.50	4.00
5 to 7 ft.....	.60	5.00

(\*) Not entirely hardy.

**PLUMS—**

Wyant  
 A. E. Bents  
 Rolling Stone  
 Waneta

**New Minnesota Varieties**

Elliott  
 Underwood  
 Loring  
 Monitor  
 Tonka

**Cherry-Plum Hybrids**

Ocheta  
 Sapa  
 Compass  
 Zumbra

All the above varieties	each	per 10
3 to 4 ft.....	.65	6.00
4 to 6 ft.....	.75	7.00

**CHERRIES—**

Early Richmond		
2 to 3 ft. ....	.60	5.25
3 to 4 ft.....	.80	7.00

**GOOSEBERRIES—**

Downing		
2 Year No. 1.....	.35	3.25

**CURRENTS—**

Perfection Cherry	2 Year No. 1.....35	3.25
No Gooseberry or Currant shipped West of the Mississippi River.		

**GRAPES—**

Concord		
Moore's Early		
Worden		
Beta		
Green Mountain	2 Year No. 1.....35	3.25

**RASPBERRIES—**

Older (Black)		
St. Regis (Fall Bearing, Red)		
King (Red)		
	Per 25	per 100
	1.50	5.00
Latham (New Minnesota Variety)	2.25	8.00

**STRAWBERRIES—**

*Dunlap		
*Gibson		
	.25	1.00
Sold only in bunches of 25 or over		
(*) No warranty.		

**ASPARAGUS—**

Mary Washington (Pedigreed)		
1 year, No. 1.....60		2.00

**RHUBARB—**

	Each	per 10	per 100
2 year, No. 1 .....	.25	2.00	

**NUT TREES**

Butternut			
2 to 3 ft.....35		3.00	
Black Walnut			
2 to 3 ft. ....25		2.25	20.00
3 to 4 ft. ....50			
Chestnut (American Sweet)			
3 to 4 ft. ....1.00			
Chestnut (Buckeye)			
3 to 4 ft. ....75			

**ORNAMENTAL TREES**

Elm (American)		
4 to 6 ft. ....75		
6 to 8 ft. ....1.00		
Ash (European Mountain)		
4 to 6 ft. ....1.75		
6 to 8 ft. ....2.50		
Maple (Norway)		
4 to 6 ft. ....1.50		

6 to 8 ft. ....2.00

(Sugar or Hard)

4 to 6 ft. .... .80

6 to 8 ft. ....1.50

When stocky trees are selected the caliper will govern, as 1 inch—1.00; 1½ inch—1.75; 2 inches—2.50.

#### Crab (Bechel's Double Flowering)

2 to 3 ft. ....1.00

3 to 4 ft. ....1.75

#### Poplar (Carolina)

3 to 5 ft. .... 10.00

5 to 7 ft. .... 15.00

(Lombardy)

5 to 7 ft ....1.00

### EVERGREENS

#### Arbo Vitae, American

	each	per 10
12 to 18 in. ....	.35	30.00
18 to 24 in. ....	.45	40.00
2 to 3 ft. ....	.55	45.00

#### White Pine

3 to 4 ft. ....	.50	40.00
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#### Norway Spruce

12 to 18 in. ....	.35	28.00
18 to 24 in. ....	.40	35.00
2 to 3 ft. ....	.50	40.00

#### Douglas Spruce

12 to 18 in. ....	.35	30.00
18 to 24 in. ....	.40	35.00
2 to 3 ft. ....	.50	40.00

### \*ORNAMENTAL EVERGREENS

#### \*Black Hill Spruce

3 to 4 ft. ....	4.00
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#### \*Colorado Blue Spruce

18 to 24 in. ....	2.00
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2 to 3 ft. ....	2.50
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#### \*Pyramidal Arbor Vitae

18 to 24 in. ....	2.00
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2 to 3 ft. ....	3.00
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3 to 4 ft. ....	5.00
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#### \*Globosa Arbor Vitae

12 in. ....	2.25
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18 in. ....	3.50
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#### \*Tom Thumb Arbor Vitae

12 in. ....	2.00
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18 in. ....	3.00
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We reserve the right to advance prices on extra select trees where they are selected by customers from nursery rows.

(\*) No warranty.

# **ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS**

## **Almond, Double Flowering, Pink**

	Each	per 10	per 100
2 to 3 ft. ....	.80		
3 to 4 ft. ....	1.00		

## **Aralia, Spinosa**

3 to 4 ft. ....	1.00		
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## **Barberry, Japanese**

8 to 12 in. ....			15.00
12 to 18 in. ....	.35	3.00	25.00
18 to 24 in. ....	.50	4.00	35.00
Extra heavy, 18 to 24 in... .	.60		

## **Cornus, Red Twigged Dogwood**

2 to 3 ft. ....	.60	5.00	
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## **Ganberry, High Bush**

3 to 4 ft. ....	1.00		
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## **Currant, Yellow Flowering**

3 to 4 ft. ....	.80		
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## **Honeysuckle, Tartarian Pink**

2 to 3 ft. ....	.40	3.50	
3 to 4 ft. ....	.60		

## **Hydrangea, P. G.**

2 to 3 ft. ....	.60	5.00	
3 to 4 ft. ....	1.00		

## **Arborescencens, Hills of Snow**

2 to 3 ft. ....	.50	4.50	
3 to 4 ft. ....	.80		

## **Lilac**

Persian, 3 to 4 ft. ....	.50		
White, 3 to 4 ft. ....	.50		
Purple, 3 to 4 ft. ....	.50		
Alphonse Laval			
Chas. X.			
President Grevy			
Rubra de Marley			
2 to 3 ft. ....	1.00		

## **Snowberry**

Coral Berry, 2 to 3 ft....	.50		
White Berry, 2 to 3 ft. ...	.50		
3 to 4 ft. ....	.80		

## **Spirea, Van Houtii, Bridal Wreath**

12 to 18 in. ....	.25	2.25	
18 to 24 in. ....	.35	3.00	25.00
2 to 3 ft. ....	.40	3.50	30.00
Heavy, 2 to 3 ft. ....	.50		
Heavy, 3 to 4 ft. ....	.75		

## **Spirea, Anthony Waterer**

12 to 18 in. ....	.50		
18 to 24 in. ....	.60		
Heavy, 18 to 24 in. ....	1.00		

## **Alba**

12 to 18 in. ....	.50		
18 to 24 in. ....	.60		

## **Aurea**

2 to 3 ft. ....	.60		
3 to 4 ft. ....	.80		

## **Thunbergii**

18 to 24 in. ....	.65		
2 to 3 ft. ....	.80		

**Philadelphus, Syringa, Grandiflora**

3 to 4 ft. .... .75

**Philadelphus, Lemoinei**

2 to 3 ft. .... .50

3 to 4 ft. .... .60

**Philadelphus, Aureus**

12 to 18 in. .... .50

**\*Weigelia, Rosea**

2 to 3 ft. .... .80

**VINES**

Ivy, Englemanni .... .50

Bignonia, Radicans, Trumpet Flower .... .50

Honeysuckle, Scarlet Trumpet .... .50

Kudzu Vine .... .50

(\*) No warranty.

**PEONIES**

Peonies are of the easiest culture and when planted will thrive for many years. They are almost immune to insect ravage and disease. September until freeze-up is the best time for planting.

Prices are for strong plants with 3 to 5 eyes.

Festiva Maxima—The ideal white .... .50

Golden Harvest—Guards pale rose; center  
creamy white .... .70

Marguerite Gerard—Pink changing to cream  
white; center flecked with carmine .... .80

Karl Rosenfield—Brilliant dark crimson, mid-  
season .... 1.00

Officinalis Rubra—Large blooms of vivid crim-  
son; early .... .90

Floral Treasure—Pink .... .50

**IRIS**

The Iris may be planted at any time except when in bud or bloom. They are very hardy and should be used more freely.

Her Majesty—Rose pink .... .25

Honorabilis—Bronze yellow .... .20

Mme. Chereau—White edged blue .... .25

Florentina Alba—Early white .... .30

Valvateen—Dark purple .... .35

Florentina Blue—Light blue, early .... .30

Darus—Yellow .... .25

General Purpler—Velvety purple .... .35

Magnificia—Black edged mahogany .... .60

Dwarf Iris—Blue, extra early .... .30

Dwarf Iris—Purple, extra early .... .20

Japan Iris—Mixed .... .25

**\*PHLOX**

Another perennial which deserves a place in every garden.

Eclairer—Carmine, light eye, large .... .20

H. O. Wijers—White, pink eye .....	.20
Jules Sandeau—Deep rosy pink, very large ....	.40
Mrs. Jenkins—White .....	.15
Rheinlander—Salmon pink claret eye .....	.30

If large clumps are wanted add 50 per cent.

(\*) No Warranty.

### HARDY PERENNIALS

Daisy—Improved Shasta .....	.30
Campanula—Canterberry Bells .....	.25
Delphinium—Larkspur, Belladonna (blue) .....	.25
Delphinium—Larkspur, Bellamosa (dark blue)..	.25
Gaillardia—Blanket Flower .....	.25
Golden Glow .....	.20
Poppy—Oriental .....	.35
Platycodon—Balloon Flower (Blue and White)..	.35
Regal Lily .....	.40

### TENDER BULBS AND TUBERS FOR SPRING PLANTING

Gladiolus and Dahlias are our hobby and as space does not permit a complete list of varieties we are listing only a few of the best standard sorts. If you do not find listed the varieties you have in mind let us quote prices.

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#### Gladiolus

America, Chicago White, Halley, Lily White	
1 in. and up .....	.50
Le Marechal Foch, Golden King, Panama	
1 in. and up .....	.60
Prince of Wales, Herada Cracker Jack	
1 in. and up .....	.75
Mrs. Dr. Norton, Mrs. Frank Pendleton	
1 in. and up .....	.80
Rose Ash, Byron I. Smith, Alice Tiplady	
1 in. and up .....	1.50
Purple Glory, Anna Eberius	
1 in. and up .....	2.00

#### Dahlias, Choice Varieties

Red, pink, yellow salmon, white—Cactus,	
Decorative or show types in above colors..	.35

Every few years a few items are originated which stand the test and are improvements in their species. Here are a few we wish you could try, or visit our Nursery during their season.

### **Farnsworth Apple**

Large, almost transparent in color, ripens during late fall, very good quality but is not a good keeper. This variety was originated by A. E. Bents.

### **Underwood Plum**

Tree very vigorous, hardy and productive; fruit is large, attractive red; flesh is very good quality but quite firm; hangs well to tree; ripens early; stone is very small.

### **Cherry Currant**

Not a new variety but one which has been neglected. Very large clusters, large fruit and very prolific; good quality.

### **Latham (Red) Raspberry**

Originated at Minnesota Fruit Breeding Farm a few years ago; fruit very large and of very good quality; will out-yield most others.

### **Mary Washington Asparagus**

We are pleased to be able to offer plants of this strain of Asparagus. It is the first result of a plant breeding campaign started by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to produce a rust-resistant Asparagus. Rust-resistant and vigorous plants selected from thousands have been crossed with a single male plant and most careful re-selection practiced. Foundation stock was sent us by the Department of Agriculture.

### **Regal Lily**

A wonderful new lily which was introduced to this country from China, where it was found growing wild, only a few years ago. It has proven very hardy and deserves a place in every garden, grows two or three feet in height and opens from six to twelve blooms. Color a beautiful white with delicate yellow throat, very fragrant, blooms in July.



## PAY OUR NURSERY A VISIT

We have spent the better part of our lives in the study of methods and varieties for this locality. Our experience is at your service. We realize that you must prosper otherwise we will not, so our sales must bring us other sales. If it does not we feel we have failed to do our part.

We sell direct to our patrons. We have no agents and pay no commissions, and what we cannot grow we do not sell.

We will always be glad to quote special prices to churches, societies, clubs and other organizations.





